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COMBINATION OF S-347 AND S-348 COURSES
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BACKGROUND

The Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for S-348, Resources Unit Leader and S-347, Demobilization Unit Leader found that the Resources Unit Leader (RESL) often has to perform Demobilization Unit Leader (DMOB) duties on an incident because there is rarely a DMOB on an incident. The current courses are designed to be taught in succession but are not required for either position.

CURRENT STATUS

The SMEs believe the course material for S-348, Resource Unit Leader and S-347, Demobilization Unit Leader should be combined into a single course. The combination would not result in an increase in course hours.

This recommendation is based on the following considerations:

- Strengthen the connection between the two positions – this is needed because both positions work with the same resource information and it broadens the understanding of the interrelationship of information.
- Assure potential RESL trainees receive exposure to the duties and responsibilities of the DMOB, in the event they are required to assist with the demobilization process.
- Encourages RESLs to take the step to get DMOB qualifications.
- Strengthens integrity of position.

RECOMMENDATION

Combine the course material for S-347, Demobilization Unit Leader and S-348, Resource Unit Leader yet maintain the two positions.

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cc: Chair, Incident Operations Standards Working Team